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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/April, through Sunday, 19th/April there were 213 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4J0/4K0, AZERBAIJAN (Special Event). Members of the Federation of Radio-sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan (FRS) will activate two special event stations 4J0STAYHOME and 4K0STAYHOME during the COVID-19 crisis. Length of activity was not mentioned. QSL via DC9RI (DARC or direct).

4W, TIMOR-LESTE (DXpedition Postponed). The following was announced on the "TIMOR-LESTE DXpedition 2020" Web page (<http://timor-leste-dx.de>):

Unfortunately, we had to make the decision that we have to postpone our DXpedition to Timor-Leste to next year. The current situation based on the Corona pandemic makes it impossible to plan anything later in this year. The uncertainty of travel safety, the not predictable impact on the companies we have to rely on and the current restrictions that prevent a solid preparation, forced us to take this step. We hope that we can see clearer by the end of this year what will be in 2021.

Until then, stay safe and healthy! 73, The Lagunaria DX Group

A0495, SPAIN (Special Event). The Union of Spanish Radio Amateurs (URE), on the occasion of the celebration of the "95th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)" and to contribute to the development and dissemination of radio communications in general and to the world of radio amateurs in particular and with the objective to accompany radio amateurs in the exceptional situation caused by the spread of COVID-19, have requested authorization to use certain special call signs on a temporary basis.

As of April 15, the Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Digital Infrastructures has sent them the following resolution:

Authorize any radio amateur who has the required individual authorization, on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of the founding of the

International Radio Amateur Union (IARU), the temporary use of a special callsign, with a different number and prefix to that of its distinctive, but keeping its suffix, according to the following:

Prefix:

- Callsigns with EA prefix: AO prefix
- Callsigns with EB prefix: AM prefix
- Callsigns with EC prefix: AN prefix

District:

- Number of the badge: add "95" to the corresponding number.

Examples: EA4ZZZ... AO495ZZZ, EB4ZZZ... AM495ZZZ, EC4ZZZ... AN495ZZZ

The use of the special authorized signs for broadcasts from the individual stations will be carried out under the direct and in-person responsibility and supervision of the radio amateur.

The period of use of all the special badges authorized by this Resolution will be from April 15-30th, 2020, both dates included.

CN20, MOROCCO (Special Event). Operators Mohammadia/CN8AM, Agadir/CN8ATM, El Kelâa des Sraghna/CN8AV, Rabat/CN8KD, Oujda/CN8MAA, Bejaâd/CN8MM, Casa-blanca/CN8PA, Marrakech/CN8QR, Kenitra/CN8SG, Agadir/CN8VO and Meknes/CN8WW will be using the COVID-19 Awareness special event callsign CN20SH (for StayHome) until April 30th. QSL via RW6HS.

CQ NEWS (Press Release, dated April 13th). Rich Moseson, W2VU, CQ Editor, sent out the following [edited]: Joseph "Bud" Trench, AA3B, Named WPX Contest Director -- Joseph W. "Bud" Trench, AA3B, of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, has been named Director of the CQ WPX SSB and CW Contests, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. He succeeds Randy Thompson, K5ZD, who has been serving as Interim Director.

Trench has been licensed since 1970 and has more than 1.4 million QSOs in his logbook (which would be very thick if still on paper!). Bud has a passion for contesting, achieving 15 first-place finishes in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest in the Single Op Low Power category using callsign V26K, including the current world record. He has been among the top-10 USA scorers consistently since 2005 in the CQ WW WPX CW High Power category, and has achieved the top North American score six times in CQ WW WPX RTTY. In addition, he was the Single Op World Winner of the CQ WW WPX Triathlon plaque in 2014, and competed in WRTC 2018.

Bud is an officer of the Frankford Radio Club and Pennsylvania QSO Party Association, and a member of the First Class CW Operators' Club, CW Operators' Club, Activity Group CW - DL, CWJF Group, A-1 Operator Club and ARRL.

Professionally, Bud is retired from a career at Lockheed Martin, where his responsibilities included leading large organizations developing complex hardware and software systems for the US Government.

"I am honored to be trusted with leadership responsibilities for the CQ WW WPX SSB and CW contests," said Trench, "and I look forward to serving all stakeholders to ensure the continued robustness of these premiere operating events."

Interim WPX Contest Director Randy Thompson, K5ZD, said, "I, and the contest community, appreciate Bud stepping forward to take on the responsibility of managing the CQ WPX Contest. Bud is an extremely prolific contester who is active on all modes. He will bring a fresh perspective to the contest."

Bud is jumping in with both feet, starting immediately to work with Randy on processing the results of last month's WPX SSB weekend, and taking the reins for next month's CW weekend.

CTU NEWS (Contest University USA 2020 - Online). Tim, K3LR, Contest University Chairman (<http://contestuniversity.com>), reports on April 16th [edited]:

"I am pleased to announce that Contest University USA 2020 will be held on-line via Zoom on Thursday, May 14th, 2020. CTU 2020 is free.

The CTU course outline is posted here:

<https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline>

Connection details to the CTU Zoom bridge will be posted on the Contest University one week ahead of CTU.

CTU 2020 will be recorded for easy viewing any time after May 14th and the slide decks will be posted on the CTU website as well.

At the end of CTU 2020 Dave, K3ZJ, from CQ Magazine will present the 2020 CQ Contest Hall of Fame awards - live on the Zoom bridge.

73, Tim K3LR"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The complete course outline is available at:

<https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline>

DX0, THE PHILIPPINES. Members of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association will activate special event station DX0STAYHOME "for the duration of the

community quarantine in the Philippines." Eddie, DU1EV, informs, "We encourage everyone to stay home and operate their amateur radio stations." QSL via DX1PAR.

EY, TAJIKISTAN. Nodir, EY8MM, informs OPDX that "after 10 years of being QRT, the EY Hams can now operate on the 50 MHz band again. Analog broadcasting on Ch1 has been stopped early 2020." He also informs that his EY8MM 6m station setup is fully operational. Nodir has already started EME activity and will be active in the upcoming Es season. SPECIAL QSL NOTE. Nodir states, "Please note that my QSL Manager K1BV is temporary not accepting QSL cards direct or by the Bureau. Please refrain from sending cards until further information is announced. I will upload QSOS to LoTW on regular basis." See about K1BV under "QSL INFO AND NEWS."

FM/TO3, MARTINIQUE (Canceled). Marius, ON4RU/OQ3R, who was expected to be active as FM/OQ3R and TO3F (CQWW WPX CW Contest) from Martinique (NA-107) between May 25th and June 6th, had to cancel his operation due to coronavirus.

GB1, ENGLAND (Special Event). John, GI7SBF, will be active as GB1HSC (Health and Social Care) from Lisburn starting April 20th, and will run for 28 days. This is to show support for all the front-line staff during this difficult time. It's not just for the health workers, but also all of the other emergency services and the key workers who are keeping our countries going. He will be active on 20-10 meters and also UHF/VHF (he hopes to add 40m very soon) on both SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, eQSL or LoTW.

GB1, NORTHERN IRELAND (Special Event). Stevie, MI0GTA, has activated special event station GB1SOS from Co Derry until May 11th. Activity is to thank all health care workers (Doctors, Nurses, and other Medical Professional workers) who are putting their lives at risk every day during this pandemic crisis. Operations will be on 20-10 meters using SSB (if conditions allow.) No 80/40m; no antenna for the lower bands there due to no room for those antennas. See QRZ.com for QSL details.

HAM RADIO FRIEDRICHSHAFEN CANCELED. Radio silence due to coronavirus COVID-19: Ham Radio not taking place as planned during the period of June 26-28th, 2020, but instead between June 25-27th, 2021. -- Complete details at:

<https://backend.messe-friedrichshafen.de/storage/pressrelease/01d20-en-coronavirus-covid-19-funkt-dazwis>
Also read: <http://www.arrrl.org/news/view/ham-radio-in-friedrichshafen-germany-announces-cancellation-of->

HG20, HUNGARY (Special Event/Award). The Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ) announces a special radio activity for the period during the COVAN-19 virus threat. Their aim is to raise awareness of the threat of the epidemic and to promote the importance of Staying-at-Home, in order to put an end to this emergency as soon as possible. During the activity, look for the following 5 stations, of which the last two letters add up the words STAY AT HOME: HG20ST, HG20AY, HG20AT, HG20HO and HG20ME. Each stations must be contacted in two different, freely selectable modes in any of the shortwave amateur radio bands. Fulfilling this condition will be rewarded with a downloadable commemorative award! The activity has started on April 15th and is planned to end on May 15th at 2400 UTC. Confirmed contacts can be checked and award can be downloaded at:

<http://www.mrasz.org>

Award rules are available at: <http://www.mrasz.org/stay-at-home/award-rules>

HZ, SAUDI ARABIA (6m News). The Saudi Amateur Radio Society (SARS) has announced that HZ radio amateurs can now use the 50-54MHz band with a maximum power of 50w. The first contacts took place on April 2nd.

IOTA NEWS. Since no new IOTA announcements have been made during the past week (probably because of many COVIN-19 travel restrictions), OPDX decided to list the following IOTA operations that were active this past week:

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	AM8WARD	Canary	40/20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8BWW	Canary	40m; SSB
AF-004	EA8DEG	Canary	40m; SSB
AF-004	EA8TL	Canary	17m
AF-016	FR4NT	Reunion	80/15/10m; CW
AF-018	IH9YMC	Pantelleria	20m; CW
AF-022	ZD7FT	St. Helena	20/17m; SSB
AF-024	S79KW	Seychelles	17m; FT8
AF-057	5R8UI	Madagascar	10m; CW
AS-004	5B4AHL	Cyprus	17m; SSB

AS-007	JH1IFS	Japan	20m; FT8
AS-118	9K2DX	Kuwait Group	40m
EU-002	OH0STAYHOME	Aland	20m; SSB
EU-002	OH0Z	Aland	20m; CW
EU-005	G0GKH	England	40m; CW
EU-005	G3VPW	England	20m; FT8
EU-005	G6JVT	England	17m; SSB
EU-005	G8DX	England	10m; SSB
EU-005	GB4SAH	England	40m
EU-005	GM4ATA	Scotland	30m
EU-005	M0HKB	England	40/10m; SSB
EU-009	GM0WED	Orkney	20m; CW
EU-010	GM4KGK	Isle of Lewis	20m; FT4
EU-013	GH5DX	Jersey	20m; FT4
EU-014	TK4LS	Corsica	30m
EU-015	SV9FBG	Crete	17m
EU-015	SV9MBH	Crete	20m
EU-018	OY1CT	Faroe	17/15m
EU-020	SK9WARD	Gotland County	80m
EU-021	TF3WARD	Iceland	30m
EU-023	9H5JO	Malta	17m
EU-024	II0ICH	Sardinia	20m; SSB
EU-024	IS0DCR	Sardinia	10m
EU-024	IS0FAP	Sardinia	40m; SSB
EU-029	OV1CDX	Sjaelland	40m
EU-031	IC8ATA	Procida	20m; SSB
EU-034	ES0WL	Hiiumaa	20m
EU-047	DJ9IN	Norderney	20m
EU-115	GB5NHS	Northern Ireland	17m; SSB
EU-115	MI0TLG	Northern Ireland	17m; SSB
EU-116	GD0OUD	Isle of Man	20m; CW
EU-116	GD1JNB	Isle of Man	20m; SSB
EU-137	SM7/OZ7AM	Ven	30m
EU-137	SM7/OZ1AA	Ven	80/40/30m
NA-005	VP9NO	Bermuda	30m
NA-015	CO7OA	Cuba	20m; SSB
NA-021	8P6GY	Barbados	20m; SSB
NA-021	8P6NW	Barbados	20/17m; SSB
NA-022	VP2EIH	Anguilla	10m; SSB
NA-022	VP2ETE	Anguilla	80/12m; CW/FT8
NA-096	HI3Y	Dominican Republic	20m; FT8
NA-096	HI6AV	Dominican Republic	17m; FT8
NA-096	HI8PAP	Dominican Republic	10m
NA-096	HI8SMX	Dominican Republic	17m; SSB
NA-099	WP4IRV	Puerto Rico	20m; SSB
NA-102	FG4SO	Guadeloupe	10m; SSB
NA-103	VP2MNI	Montserrat	20m; SSB
NA-107	FM5WD	Martinique	6m
NA-108	J62ARC	St. Lucia	20m; SSB
NA-111	N0MDH	NJ State	20m; FT8
NA-138	WB2DRV	FL State NE	20m; FT8
OC-001	VK2CR	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-026	KH2/KC4VBE	Guam	40m; CW
OC-036	ZL1WN	NZ North	17m; SSB
OC-036	ZL2AIM	NZ North	40m; CW
OC-036	ZM1A	NZ North	40m; CW
OC-046	FO5QB	French Polynesia	10m
OC-097	5W1SA	Samoa	17m; FT8
OC-143	YB4FIK	Sumatra	20m; SSB
OC-150	YB9GV	Tenggara Barat	20m; FT8
OC-151	YD6MCE/9	Tenggara Timur	40m
OC-209	YB8UTI	Talaud	20m; CW
SA-002	VP8LP	Falkand	20m; SSB
SA-006	PJ4DX	Bonaire	20m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4Y	Trinidad and Tobago	20m; CW

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT (Canceled!). The Museum Ships Weekend (MSWE) sponsored by The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) has announced the event is CANCELED! It was posted, "Due to the current unknowns with COVID-19 virus, BNJARS is canceling the planned annual Museum Ships Weekend Event 2020 which was scheduled to begin 6-June-2020 at 0001Z and end 7-June 2020 at 2400Z. A lot of the ships that participate

are already closed due to this health situation and others may get orders to close soon. As of today, April 6, 2020, it is unknown when the 'lock-down' will be lifted so it is with an abundance of caution and regret that we have decided to cancel MSWE 2020. The health and safety of all our ship participants takes precedence at all times. We look forward to the event for 2021."

NEW ARRL BENEFITS (QEX and NCJ are Now Available!). The following was posted on the ARRL Web page on April 17th: The May/June digital editions of QEX and the National Contest Journal (NCJ) are now available for reading on your iOS or Android mobile device through the ARRL Magazines app, or with your desktop or laptop computer from the ARRL Magazines page on the web at www.arrl.org/arrl-magazines.

App users please note that you may need to clear the cache in the app's Settings menu to fully update.

The digital versions of QEX and NCJ are new benefits for all ARRL members. Members now have exclusive access to four magazines, each with their own unique content: QST, On the Air, QEX, and NCJ.

Also, see the ARRL Letter for April 16, 2020, for more details at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2020-04-16>

OA7, PERU. Yuri, N3QQ, will be active as OA7/N3QQ from Machu Picchu between August 6-12th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via N7RO.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 20-26th).....

Apr/20th AN	Apr/23rd AN	Apr/25th AN
Apr/21st AN	Apr/24th AN	Apr/26th HN
Apr/22nd AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf> and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: <http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: <https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Real-time propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (April 19th)

5P0WARD via OZ1ACB (O/L/N)	EG5WRD via EG5WRD (L/e)	OT7STAYSAFE via ON6MS (e)
AM(1-9)WARD via EA4URE	HG5D via HA8QZ	PB75A via PB2A & (L)
AM95WARD via EA4URE	HG60 via HA60A	PE75OUW via PE10UW
AO195HCZ via EA1HCZ	HG8C via HA8EK	PR2STAYHOME via PR2STAYHOME (L)
AO295EZ via EA2EZ	II7BA via IQ7DV	R1994YU via R1994YU (O)
AO395PP via EA3PP	M8A via M0HDF	R1996VK via R1996VK (O)
AO595BY via EA5BY	MD2C via MD0CCE (O/L)	RG61PP via RZ3LC
AO595XA via EA5XA & (L)	MM2T via GM0LIR (L/e)	SE5L via SM5ALJ
AO795IYF via EA7IYF	OK2KRT via OK2KW	SE6K via SM6FZO
AO795Z via EA7Z (L)	OK4K via OK1BOA	SM7/OZ1AA via OZ1ACB (O/L)

AO895ARI via EA8ARI (L/e) OQ4ANGELS via ON4CHT SN1T via SP1NQN (L)
 BV50CYMC via BV4VR & (L) OR5T via ON4ALY TZ4AM via W0SA & (L)
 C4W via 5B4WN (L) OR95WARD via ON4LBI VE9HOME via VE9HF (L)
 CN20SH via RW6HS (d) OS0STAYHOME via OS0STAYHOME (e) ZM2B via ZL2BR
 DX0STAYHOME via DX1PAR OT20LIFE via ON5AV ZW5STAYHOME via PY5EG
 EF3P via EA3GP OT4HOPE via ON6SI

Special Event QSL Info from Tedd, KB8NW (April 19th)

4J0STAYHOME via DC9RI	A60WARD/6 via A61BK	OR8STAYHOME via (B)
4K0STAYHOME via DC9RI	A60WARD/7 via LZ1YE	OS0STAYHOME via (e)
8A1HOME via YB1LZ (L)	A60WARD/8 via A61RJ (d)	OT20LIFE via ON5AV
9K9STAYHOME via 9K2OW (L)	A60WARD/9 via A61BK	OT20STAYHOME via (B/e/C)
A60SH/1 via A61BK	A60WARD/10 via A65GC (d)	OT2STAYHOME via ON7LU
A60SH/2 via EA7FTF	AO895RM via (L/C)	OT6STAYS SAFE via ON5YL
A60SH/3 via A61NN	CN20SH via RW6HS	OT7STAYS SAFE via (e/C)
A60SH/4 via A61BK	CQ8STAYHOME via (C)	OT20STAYHOME via ON4CAS (B/C/e)
A60SH/5 via A92AA	CR2STAYHOME via (L)	PC6STAYHOME via (d/B/L/e)
A60SH/6 via A61BK	CT1STAYHOME via CT1EEQ	PR2STAYHOME via (e/L/N)
A60SH/7 via LZ1YE	CV7STAYHOME via (L/e)	R3STAYHOME via R3KEE (B)
A60SH/8 via A61BK	DX0STAYHOME via DX1PAR	SZ3STAYHOME via (e/L)
A60SH/9 via A61AY	E7STAYHOME via E73Y	TM95WARD via F6BEE
A60SH/10 via A61BK	GB1HSC via GI7SBF (e/L)	VC2STAYHOM via (d/L)
A60SH/11 via A65MM (d)	GB1SOS via (d)	VC3STAYHOM via (d)
A60SH/12 via A61BK	ON4HEROES via ON5UR (d/B)	XM2STAYHOM via VE2EH (B)
A60WARD/1 via A61BK	OO7STAYHOME via ON7SS	Z30STAYHOME via (C/O)
A60WARD/2 via EA7FTF	OP2STAYHOME via ON6NB	Z39STAYHOME via (C/O)
A60WARD/3 via A61NN	OQ4ANGELS via ON4CHT (B)	ZW5STAYHOME via PY5EG
A60WARD/4 via A61BK	OR2STAYHOME via (e)	ZW8THANKS via (e/L/d)
A60WARD/5 via A92AA	OR4STAYHOME via ON3AR (d/B)	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
 (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
 (I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE (New/Updated) AVAILABLE ON CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/5Z4/G3AB> (Updated)

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/HR5/F2JD> (Updated)

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/J68HZ> (Updated)

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/R207RRC>

H33K QSL ROUTE CHANGE. Jay, HP3AK, for the H33K Group, informs: "Due to problems with the postal service in Panama during the Covid-19 lockdown, we have had to change the QSL routing for the H33K Special Event and contest operation that occurred from March 2nd through March 13th, 2020." Jack, W4JS, has agreed to pick up the QSL Manager duties and has received the log. The logs are already uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. The newly printed QSL cards are at PhotoQSLs.com and will be forward to Jack ASAP. Jay has updated the QRZ.com page with the new information showing that W4JS is the (new) QSL Manager.

QSL MANAGER K1BV. It has been reported that Ted, K1BV, is currently very sick, and has been in the hospital since September. Our prayers go out to him for a full recovery. It was suggested to not send cards and waste money until his situation is resolved. Please wait until Ted is back to full service.

TU5PCT QSL STATUS. The TU5PCT QSL cards have been received from the printer. The labels will be printed and then the QSL cards will be taken to the post office. OQRS direct QSOs are already on LoTW.

VK9NK QSL STATUS. Janusz, SP9FIH, reports on April 18th: I just made first upload to LoTW. QSOs requested as direct via OQRS Clublog were uploaded. Please be patient - all QSOs will be uploaded when I am back home. Nobody knows when but I hope before next year... My priority now is making QSOs with all who need Norfolk Island as ATNO. Contact confirmations will wait for some time.

U.S. POSTAL STOPPAGE (Updated as April 18th). The U.S. Postal Service has "Temporary Service Suspensions" outgoing mail to many countries. Due to widespread transportation cancellations and restrictions, the Postal Service will temporarily suspend international mail service to the following destinations. (Dates in parentheses show when service was suspended to that country.)

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Cayman Islands* (4/3/20)	Madagascar* (4/3/20)	Sri Lanka* (4/3/20)
Chad* (4/3/20)	Malawi* (4/10/20)	Sudan (4/7/20)
Cook Islands (4/7/20)	Maldives* (4/3/20)	Swaziland/Eswatini* (4/17/20)
Costa Rica (4/7/20)	Mauritius* (4/10/20)	Tajikistan (4/7/20)
Cuba (4/10/20)	Moldova (4/7/20)	Tanzania (4/7/20)
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Ecuador* (4/3/20)	Nepal* (4/10/20)	UAE (4/10/20)
Fiji* (4/3/20)	New Caledonia* (4/3/20)	Uganda (4/7/20)
French Polynesia* (4/3/20)	New Guinea (4/10/20)	Uruguay (4/7/20)
Gambia (4/7/20)	Oman* (4/17/20)	Vanuatu (4/7/20)
Guatemala (4/7/20)	Panama* (4/3/20)	Venezuela (4/7/20)
Guinea Bissau (4/10/20)	Papua New Guinea (4/7/20)	Yemen* (4/17/20)
Guyana (4/10/20)	Paraguay (4/7/20)	Zambia (4/10/20)
Honduras* (4/3/20)	Peru* (4/3/20)	Zimbabwe (4/3/20)

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QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5H4WZ (AF-063), CB0Z and YU1ZZ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

SPECIAL STAY AT HOME STATIONS/ACTIVITIES (Updated/Corrections). Many more special event stations have hit the airwaves (or soon will be) to promote individuals to "STAY-AT-HOME" and raise awareness for the restrictions necessary to fight the spread the coronavirus. List also includes special event stations to thank all health and medical workers. Here is a checklist of stations announced to be active:

4J0STAYHOME (Azerbaijan)	OH8PYSYKOTONA (Finland)
4K0STAYHOME (Azerbaijan)	OH9PYSYKOTONA (Finland)
4MSTAYHOME (Venezuela)	OH0STAYHOME (Aland Island)
5B4STAYHOME (Cyprus)	OH1STAYHOME (Finland)
8A1HOME (Indonesia)	OH2STAYHOME (Finland)
8A1STAYHOME (Indonesia)	OH3STAYHOME (Finland)
8C2STAYHOME (Indonesia)	OH4STAYHOME (Finland)
9K9STAYHOME (Kuwait)	OH5STAYHOME (Finland)
A60SH/1 [SH=StayHome] (U.A.E.)	OH6STAYHOME (Finland)
A60SH/2 (United Arab Emirates)	OH7STAYHOME (Finland)
A60SH/3 (United Arab Emirates)	OH8STAYHOME (Finland)
A60SH/4 (United Arab Emirates)	OH9STAYHOME (Finland)
A60SH/5 (United Arab Emirates)	OO7STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/6 (United Arab Emirates)	OP2STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/7 (United Arab Emirates)	OP6STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/8 (United Arab Emirates)	OQ4ANGELS (Belgium)
A60SH/9 (United Arab Emirates)	OR2STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/10 (United Arab Emirates)	OR20STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/11 (United Arab Emirates)	OR4STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/12 (United Arab Emirates)	OR8STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60SH/13 (United Arab Emirates)	OS0STAYHOME (Belgium)
A60STAYHOME (United Arab Emirates)	OT2STAYHOME (Belgium)
A69STAYHOME (United Arab Emirates)	OT20STAYHOME (Belgium)
AX2020STAYHOME (Australia)	OT6STAYS SAFE (Belgium)
CN20SH (Morocco)	OT7STAYS SAFE (Belgium)
CQ8STAYHOME (Azores)	PC6STAYHOME (The Netherlands)
CR2STAYHOME (Azores)	PR2STAYHOME (Brazil)
CT1STAYHOME (Portugal)	R3STAYHOME (European Russia)
CV7STAYHOME (Uruguay)	SZ3STAYHOME (Greece)
DX0STAYHOME (Philippine)	TC1STAYHOME (Turkey)
E2STAYHOME (Thailand)	VC2STAYHOME (Canada)

E7STAYHOME (Bosnia & Herzegovina)	VC3STAYHOM (Canada)
GB1HSC [Health & Social Care]	VE9HOME (Canada)
(England)	VI2020STAYHOME (Australia)
GB4SAH [SAH=Stay-At-Home] (England)	W4IPC/STAYHOME (United States)
GB5NHS [NHS=National Health Service]	XM2STAYHOM (Canada)
(England)	YO19STAYHOME (Romania)
HZ1STAYHOME (Saudi Arabia)	YS1STAYHOM1 (El Salvador)
IX1HPN/STAYHOME (Italy)	YS1STAYHOM2 (El Salvador)
KC1KUG/STAYH (United States)	YS1STAYHOM3 (El Salvador)
OH0PYSYKOTONA (Finland; "Pysy	YS1STAYHOM4 (El Salvador)
kotona" means StayHome in Finnish)	YS1STAYHOM5 (El Salvador)
OH1PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	YS1STAYHOM6 (El Salvador)
OH2PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	Z30STAYHOME (North Macedonia)
OH3PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	Z39STAYHOME (North Macedonia)
OH4PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	Z60STAYHOME (Kosovo)
OH5PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	ZW5STAYHOME (Brazil)
OH6PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	ZW8THANKS (Brazil)
OH7PYSYKOTONA (Finland)	

QSL via operator's instructions or check to see if the QSL info is listed above under "QSL INFO AND NEWS". ADDED NOTE: If you missed the special bulletin OPDX.1459.1 (<http://papays.com/opdx1459.1.html>), the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is providing a number of special awards during these Stay-At-Home "OH" operations (as well as other countries signing STAYHOME that qualified) which runs through July 8th. Complete details can be found in OPDX.1459.1 or on the SRAL Web page at: <https://www.sral.fi/2020/04/07/finland-stay-home>

PRESS RELEASE (Update, dated April 16th)[edited]: FROM THE FINNISH AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE (SRAL) -- TWENTY-FIVE (25) COUNTRIES ACTIVE IN STAYHOME PROGRAM: ADXG, Araucaria DX Group of Brazil has donated the winner's trophy to STAYHOME program's SHA award, with highest number of STAYHOME stations contacted. Also the highest number up to three (3) less than achieved maximum will be awarded. www.qrz.com/db/OH2STAYHOME

This announcement was released in honor of Oms, PY5EG, being the first one to work all ten (10) STAYHOME prefixes from Finland from where more than 12,000 QSOs were already handed out. Youngest participants is 14-year old Ville, OH1UDC, with more than 400 QSOs under his belt.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/OH1UDC>

As many are lacking some prefixes, all of them will be activated this coming Saturday, April 18th, 1100-1400 UTC on SSB 14250-14270 kHz. This includes rare OH9STAYHOME prefix from Lapland (OH9BS) who is QRV thru list operation. Please contact the net control via email; sked@sral.fi.

SZ3, GREECE (Special Event). Members of the Association of Radio Amateurs of the Western Peloponnese (ERDYP) be active as SZ3STAYHOME in the area of Patras (KM08) to assist/aware everyone about war against Covid-19 and to Stay-Home and Stay-Safe during this health crisis. QSL via LoTW, e-QSL or QRZ.com. Online log at: http://www.hamlog.eu/Log_list_*SZ3STAYHOME Visit the ERDYP Web page at: <http://erdyp.gr/?p=1592>

W2, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Look for special event station W2H to be operating during its inaugural year in honor of "World PH Day 2020." On May 5th, W2H will operate on 80/40/20 meters using SSB, FT8/FT4 (normal frequencies), as well as other bands/modes as conditions permit. Check the QRZ.com page for a more detailed operating schedule.

WHAT IS WORLD PH DAY? Every year on May 5th, pulmonary hypertension organizations and groups around the world participate in World Pulmonary Hypertension Day activities to raise awareness of this frequently mis-diagnosed disease and celebrate the lives of people living with PH. World PH Day brings global attention to the importance of improving the quality of life and raising the life expectancy of the more than 25 million people living with PH worldwide.

W4, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Special event station W4M ("Whiskey 4 Moonshine") is now active until April 30th. Activity is to to commemorate (not celebrate) the 100 year anniversary of the beginning of Prohibition by celebrating the Moonshine Heritage of Franklin County. Operations will be on 160/80/40/20/15/10 meters (depending upon volunteers preferences and equipment) using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Their operations will take place primarily in Franklin and surrounding counties in Virginia. QSL via AF2T. For more details, visit their Web site at: <http://www.whiskey4moonshine.com>

XR0, EASTER ISLAND. Hans-Martin, DK2HM, will be active as XR0YHM from Easter Island (SA-001) between August 27th and September 7th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DK2HM, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's QQRS, eQSL or LoTW. ADDED

NOTE: This activity is subject to the health and travel situation in August and may be postponed if necessary. Please follow the QRZ.com page and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/XR0YHM>) for updates.

XU, CAMBODIA. Chenxing, BG9XD, is now active as XU7AMG from Phnom Penh until June 14th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via BG9XD direct.

YOUTH TEAM EXUBERANCE POSTPONES K3LR OPERATION. The following was reported on the ARRL Web page on April 14th: Youth Team Postpones its Planned CQ WPX CW Operation from K3LR -- The youthful Team Exuberance has announced that it's postponing its planned CQ WPX CW contest operation from K3LR until May 2021. Team Exuberance will compete in the multi-two category.

"While this decision was not taken lightly, it was clearly the appropriate action in light of the coronavirus pandemic," team member Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO, said in an announcement. "Thank you to all individuals and clubs who financially contributed to our fund-raising efforts," he said.

Those seeking to have their 2020 contributions refunded should email him or Marty Sullaway, NN1C. All funds retained will go toward Team Exuberance's next operation, Rascoll said.

ZW8, BRAZIL (Special Event). Operators Freddy/PY3YD, Joselito/PS8BR, Fernando/PS8CW, Raimundo/PS8DX, Jose/PS8ET, Milton/PS8HF, Nelson/PS8NF, Pirajah/PS8RF, Dalton/PS8TV and Andre/PT9AL are using the special event callsign ZW8THANKS as a tribute to health care professionals fighting COVID-19. Activity will be on all bands and modes including the satellites. QSL via direct, eQSL or LoTW.



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